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TRANSMISSION OF PROGRAMMES IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether installation of powerful transmitters across the border by neighbouring countries particularly China has affected transmission of programmes of Doordarshan and Akashavani in the cities, towns and villages of the country which lie near the border areas as reported in the Times of India dated June 23, 2007;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check this impact on transmission in the aforesaid parts of the country; and

(d) the time by when the said border areas are likely to be freed from the impact of foreign transmitters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Although Chinese TV signals are received in some areas of Arunachal Pradesh during favourable seasonal conditions, however, Doordarshan transmission is not affected by the foreign TV signals. Similarly, though Chinese radio channels are audible on different frequencies in Arunachal Pradesh, but coverage of AIR transmitters in Arunachal Pradesh has not been affected by Chinese transmitters.

(c)&(d) A Special package for expansion of Doordarshan and All India Radio Coverage in North East Region and Island territories of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep has been approved by the Government in May, 2006. With the launch of "DD Direct Plus" (free to Air DTH service of Doordarshan) both AIR and TV signals can be received all over the country including NE Region except Andaman & Nicobar Islands with the help of small size dish receive system.